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SUBJECT: GOP'S UNOFFICIAL MISSION TO TAIPEI

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

REF: (A) TAIPEI 5905 (B) MANILA 12021

1. MANILA REPRESENTATIVE-DESIGNATE TO TAIWAN JOVITO RIVERA CONFIRMED SEPT 11 THAT HIS DEPARTURE DATE UNCERTAIN. HE REPEATED EARLIER EXPLANATION THAT DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) OFFICIALS FEAR PRC ANNOYANCE AT FACT THAT PHILIPPINE REPRESENTATION IN TAIWAN (FAR EAST ASIAN EXCHANGE CENTER) WILL BE GOP-FUNDED. HE SAID THAT DFA OFFICIALS ARE NOW DEBATING WHETHER WHOLE ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE "CLEARED" WITH NEW PRC AMBASSADOR WHEN HE ARRIVES (PERHAPS SOMETIME THIS MONTH).

2. RIVERA FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE RAISING PRIVATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CENTER (PRESUMABLY FROM CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY), THIS PLOY HAS ENCOUNTERED SECOND SET OF OBJECTIONS FROM DFA OFFICIALS WHO COMPLAIN THAT THEY MIGHT LOSE CONTROL AND
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WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AUDIT THE FINANCES OF THE CENTER.

3. RIVERA SAID HE SAW PRESIDENT MARCOS YESTERDAY (SEP 10)
BUT GOT NO FIRM SIGNAL FROM HIM AS TOWHAT DECISION WOULD
BE. RIVERA SAID MATTER IS IN HANDS OF ACTING SECRETARY
COLLANTES AND ASKED IF US COULD JOG HIM BY POINTING OUT
THAT UNTIL OFFICE IS OPENED, AMCITS IN TAIWAN CAN'T COME
DIRECTLY TO RP.

COMMENT: WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT DFA IS IN FACT
WAITING FOR CONCRETE SIGNAL OF NON-OBJECTION FROM PRC
BUT SUSPECT THAT THIS IS THE CASE AND THAT UNLESS
PRESIDENT INTERVENES, RIVERA'S DEPARTURE MAY BE
INDEFINITELY DELAYED. WE DO NOT BELIEVE US SHOULD
ATTEMPT TO FORCE PRESIDENT'S HAND ON THIS POLICY AND
IN ANY EVENT APPROACH TO COLLANTES ALONG LINES SUGGESTED
BY RIVERA COULD BE DISASTROUSLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
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